

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-31 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 13, 21-23, 27 and 28 are amended to recite additional features disclosed in the specification at, for example, Figs. 3A and 3B. Dependent claims 29-31 are added to recite additional features disclosed in the specification at, for example, paragraph [0095]. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority document filed November 18, 2003.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-19 and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,996,535 to Ono in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,219,694 to Lazaridis; and rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ono and Lazaridis and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,801,962 to Taniguchi. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

I. Arguments In The Previous Request For Reconsideration

The arguments presented in the August 15, 2008 Request for Reconsideration have not been fully responded to by the Patent Office. The September 15, 2008 Advisory Action only partially responded to those arguments.

For the Examiner's convenience, the arguments presented in the previous Request For Reconsideration are summarized in this section. The lack of response in the Advisory Action will be discussed in the next section.

The December 26, 2007 Amendment revised the independent claims to recite additional features. In particular, the independent claims were amended to recite a common e-mail address that is commonly assigned to and shared by a plurality of electronic devices.

The Office Action acknowledges that Ono does not disclose the additional features entered into those independent claims. However, the Office Action asserts that Lazaridis discloses this new feature, and that the combination of Ono and Lazaridis would have rendered obvious the subject matter recited in the independent claims. The August 15, 2008 Request for Reconsideration argued that this assertion lacks factual support.

Lazaridis discloses a system in which a desktop computer 10 and a mobile computer 24 share an e-mail address. See Fig. 1 and col. 7, lines 31-65. Lazaridis discloses that a redirector program 12 of the desktop computer 10 may be configured to replicate and redirect certain user data items to the mobile device 24, after an e-mail reaches the desktop computer 10.

In view of the above, Lazaridis discloses redirecting information based on the configuration of the redirector program 12. Lazaridis does not disclose or suggest redirecting information "in accordance with contents of the e-mail message addressed to the predetermined common e-mail address." Thus, Lazaridis does not supply the subject matter lacking in Ono in connection with making a determination according to the contents of the e-mail addressed to the common e-mail address, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in other independent claims.

Also, Lazaridis discloses a system that only has a desktop computer 10 and a mobile computer 24. Lazaridis does not disclose or suggest a mail server and a plurality of electronic devices that share a common e-mail address, with the server receiving an e-mail before the e-mail is forwarded to any of the electronic devices. In particular, if the Office Action asserts that the desktop computer 10 corresponds to the recited server, then Lazaridis does not disclose a plurality of electronic devices. On the other hand, if the Office Action is asserting that the desktop computer 10 corresponds to one of the plurality of electronic devices, then

Lazaridis does not disclose a server that is forwarding an e-mail to an appropriate electronic device.

II. The Advisory Action Fails To Fully Respond

The Advisory Action asserts that the arguments presented in the August 15 Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection (Request) are not persuasive. In particular, the Advisory Action asserts that Lazaridis discloses a plurality of electronic devices that share a predetermined common e-mail address. The Advisory Action further asserts that such a feature is equivalent to what is claimed.

However, the Advisory Action is not fully responsive to the Request. As summarized above, the Request presented two arguments. First, the applied references do not disclose or suggest redirecting information in accordance with contents of the e-mail message addressed to the predetermined common e-mail address. Second, the applied references do not disclose or suggest a mail server and a plurality of electronic devices that share a common e-mail address.

The Advisory Action, at best, only responds to the second argument. The Advisory Action does not respond to the first argument that the applied references do not disclose or suggest making a determination in accordance with contents of the e-mail message addressed to the predetermined common e-mail address, as recited in the claims. Also, the response in the Advisory Action to the second argument is unreasonable, because the Advisory Action asserts that the host system of Lazaridis also corresponds to an electronic device, which, as discussed above, is unreasonable.

III. Amendments To The Claims

To expedite prosecution, independent claims 1, 13, 21-23, 27 and 28 are amended to recite additional features, as outlined above. For example, claim 1 is amended to clarify that the e-mail message includes e-mail addresses and contents other than the e-mail addresses,

and that a determination is made in accordance with the contents of the e-mail message.

Claims 13, 21-23, 27 and 28 are amended to recite similar features. The applied references do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 13, 21-23, 27 and 28, as amended.

In particular, Lazaridis only redirects an e-mail: copies the data and redirects to a mobile device. Lazaridis does not disclose determining an e-mail address based on the "contents" of the e-mail message.

For at least the above reasons, Lazaridis does not supply the subject matter lacking in Ono. Also, Taniguchi does not supply the subject matter lacking in Ono. Thus, the applied references, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in the claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

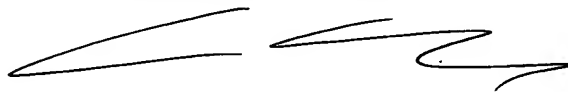
New dependent claims 29-31 are patentable over the applied references at least in view of the patentability of claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for additional features they recite.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19 and 21-31 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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